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1. REFTEL REPORTED FONMINISTRY STATEMENT OF MARCH 26 INDICATING GOC WILL ALLOW UNHRC STUDY GROUP TO ENTER CHILE. DURING VISIT TO FAR SOUTH OF CHILE, PRESIDENT PINOCHET MADE STATEMENT FOLLOWING DAY WHICH SANTIAGO PRERV INTERPRETED AS INDICATING GOC WILL ACCEPT GROUP ONLY IF IT FIRST INVESTIGATES HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN USSR AND CUBA.

2. ACCORDING TO MARCH 28 "EL MERCURIO" PINOCHET SAID:
"THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS. IT WILL TAKE MUCH TIME TO INVESTIGATE THEM, BECAUSE THE ACCUMULATION OF THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS IS ALMOST INFINITE. IN VIEW OF THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST US, I HAVE DECIDED TO PERMIT THEM (I.E., UNHRC) TO COME AND SEE. BUT BEFORE THAT, LET THEM INVESTIGATE, LET THEM LOOK AT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS. AND AFTERWARDS LET THEM SEE IF IN THE USSR AND CUBA THEY OPEN THEIR DOORS AS WE SHALL OPEN OURS."

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3. COMMENT: PINOCHET'S WORDS ARE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS BUT

APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH FONMIN STATEMENT--I.E., LET UNHRC
GROUP COME TO CHILE, BUT INVESTIGATE THE ACCUSERS ALSO.
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